

April 4, 2002

To: Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Chairman
Supervisor Gloria Molina
Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke
Supervisor Don Knabe
Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich

From: David E. Janssen
Chief Administrative Officer

INITIAL STUDY FOR AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE POMONA MERGED REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT (FIRST DISTRICT)

On February 4, 1997, your Board instructed my office to prepare a report on each newly proposed redevelopment project area at the preliminary draft plan phase. In a memorandum dated February 11, 1997, we advised your Board of the types of notification the County receives on new redevelopment projects and the reports which will be provided to your Board. This process has recently been expanded to include Board reports on: 1) other types of notifications, and 2) significant amendments to existing projects. Consistent with this process, we are advising your Board that the Pomona Redevelopment Agency has sent us the Initial Study and Notice of Preparation for the Draft Environmental Impact Report (NPDEIR) for the proposed Amendment No. 1 to the Pomona Merged Redevelopment Project. This Initial Study and NPDEIR include the following information:

- The proposed amendment involves the expansion of approximately 799 acres, comprised of five areas, in the northern portion of the City of Pomona.
- According to the Agency, the proposed redevelopment effort seeks to pursue such objectives as:
 - Provide various public improvements identified in the amended Redevelopment Plan and the General Plan;
 - Improve infrastructure, such as roads, sewers, and water mains;

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- Alleviate unsafe building conditions including surfaces coated with lead-based paints and asbestos, and abandoned buildings;
- Assist with the assembly of parcels into more developable sites; and
- Improve the overall aesthetics of the area, including streetscape improvements, weed abatement, and signage.

A project description and map provided by the Agency are attached. Further information will be available in the Agency's Preliminary Report. The Preliminary Report will include the Agency's analysis of blight, assessment of proposed financing, amount of tax increment anticipated from the proposed project, and a description of the redevelopment projects planned by the Agency. Upon receipt of this document from the Agency, we will send your Board another report, including a financial analysis and a determination of whether the proposed Amendment is generally consistent with redevelopment law.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please call me, or your staff may call Jerry Ramirez of my office at (213) 974-4282.

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Attachment

c: Auditor-Controller
County Counsel